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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR ANTONIO:

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT WEEK, BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MY EFFORTS HERE IN AFRICA BEFOREHAND.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, I HAVE TAKEN UP THE MATTER OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FRONTLINE STATES IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON THIS TRIP. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT THEY TOLD ME OF THEIR VIEWS, AND OF THE VIEWS OF THE NATIONALIST GROUPS IN BOTH COUNTRIES, I MET AT LENGTH, FIRST WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND THEN, BOTH BILATERALLY AND WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS PARTICIPATING WITH SMITH. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE, THROUGH THIS, PUT TOGETHER A PROCESS FOR BOTH RHODESIA AND FOR NAMIBIA WHICH WILL PERMIT THE PARTIES THEMSELVES TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK OUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONS, IF THEY ARE PREPARED TO DO SO.

IN THE CASE OF RHODESIA, WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO SMITH THAT THE SALISBURY AUTHORITIES ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLE OF MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS, AND THAT THEY MEET WITH THE BLACK NATIONALISTS QUICKLY TO ORGANIZE AN

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INTERIM GOVERNMENT, WITH AN EVENLY DIVIDED COUNCIL OF STATE AND A BLACK MAJORITY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, WHICH CAN ADMINISTER THE WRITING OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

IN NAMIBIA, THE PARTIES ARE CONSIDERING THE
POSSIBILITY THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE COULD BE
RECONSTITUTED IN GENEVA, WITH PARTICIPATION BY THE UN
AND IN UN FACILITIES, TO DETERMINE, IN TERMS WHICH WILL
BE ACCEPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA, THE CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE
OF THE NATION AND ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH
ITS NEIGHBORS.

I AM QUITE PERSUADED THAT THE CENTRAL ISSUE NOW
IS WHAT THE AFRICANS WILL DO. THE WAY IS OPEN TO
AFRICAN SOLUTIONS TO THESE AFRICAN PROBLEMS.
MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA-- WHICH ATTENDED THE MOST RECENT
SUMMIT MEETING IN ANGOLA --MAY PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES,
FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, IN THE PROCESS.. I KNOW THAT
YOU HAVE CULTIVATED BRAZIL'S RELATIONS WITH BOTH THESE
COUNTRIES IN RECENT MONTHS, SO I HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR
COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OUR RECENT EFFORTS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

END TEXT.

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